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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, continuing just a moment, Senator Chambers was accurate when he did reflect on what is, I think, common knowledge in that the food producers in the United States do receive a good part of their support from transfer payments from the federal government, and that is, in fact, part of our policies in the nation to ensure that the price of food, not necessarily what we buy in the store but the price of the food in that, as at...is at a minimum level of expense. Some people might say cheap food. All in the world it is, when you view it from my position as a food producer, is that the, what, 285 million people who live in the United States pay for part of their food in the market basket and part of the food is paid for through the various taxes that are leveled on the federal side, creating the money to ensure a ample supply of very, very reasonable priced food supplies. If one calls it welfare, I suppose that is a term of the art that some people would accept as being accurate. I prefer to think of it as an insurance policy payment to make sure that this nation has domestic food security and that it has a food supply that is available at such a low price that no one in this country need go hungry because either of affordability or availability. And so I do, while his facts are right, I take a different view of how that came about. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Cunningham, on the Chambers amendment to committee amendments to LB 536.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I would like to take exception with one thing, Senator Chambers. Earlier you said that ethanol is not a fuel but just a fuel extender, but you have to realize we have many, many vehicles in this country, thousands as a matter of fact now, that run on 85 percent ethanol, and in Brazil they run on 100 percent ethanol. So ethanol is a fuel. I guess the point I'm trying to make, we have the potential to develop and use many, many vehicles in this country that work exactly like that. I would say, yes, we are asking for subsidies to help get this relatively new industry going. I know it's been around a lot of years, but it's very new compared to the oil industry. Senator